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Prices were unchanged in New York. Elsewhere, weekly prices were sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was about steady to instances weak. Demand was light to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were mostly adequate for the moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged with all other reported prices sharply lower. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate with acattered features noted. Loose egg demand was light to instances moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate with demand light to moderate and bids for additional breaking stock seen at lower trending prices. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.
			RANGE MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91-100	95-97	LARGE 74-81 76
LARGE	91-99	93-96	MEDIUM 60-64 62
MEDIUM	77-83	80-82	SMALL 36-38

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower when compared to previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was unsettled. Demand ranged light to moderate, best where featured. Supplies were adequate to instances available for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were short to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen demand was moderate for mostly sufficient offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99-112	100-105
LARGE	94-109	99-103
MEDIUM	80-95	84-87

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices sharply lower. The trade sentiment was about steady to instances barely steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good with scattered featured activity. Food service movement was slow to mostly moderate. Supplies were generally adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate as buyers purchase for immediate needs only. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99.5-108	101-104
LARGE	97.5-106	99-102
MEDIUM	81.5-90	83-86

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to sufficient and demand for additional product ranged light to moderate. Light type hens were mostly adequate for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99.5-124	101-104
LARGE	98-122	99-102
MEDIUM	81.5-106	82-86

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was unsettled. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	108-112
LARGE	106-110
MEDIUM	92-96

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices sharply lower. The market tone was mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate instances good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	97-105	99-101
LARGE	96-105	97-100
MEDIUM	82-91	85-87

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	210 - 250	212 - 240
1/2 doz.	123 - 141	125 - 134
Large doz.	200 - 260	215 - 225
1/2 doz.	120 - 132	128 - 132

WESTERN Prices 21-23 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 22-23 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 5% lower than last Monday with California down 12% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 10%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA

Prices 21 cents lower on jumbo, extra large and large, 22 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 12% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 99. Ads in Northern California: major-extra large 249, large 18 pack 299, buy 1 get 1 free.

	RANGE
JUMBO	147
EXTRA LARGE	143
LARGE	133
MEDIUM	119

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	299-399	JUMBO	309-399
EXTRA LARGE	289-399	EXTRA LARGE	329-379
LARGE	239-349	LARGE	269-359
MEDIUM	199-299	MEDIUM	229-299

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 13, 2004 will increase by 7 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 06, 2004 were 219,184 cases which was 6 percent above the prior week and 15 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	185,430	33,754	219,184

% change from the prior week.....	+7	0	+6

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate with demand light to occasionally moderate as buyers reach out for immediate needs only and bid lower trending prices. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	77-80	80
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	66-72	66-68

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for offerings that were generally adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 09-FEB-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	
	8.68		
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged compared the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 09-FEB-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.84

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-FEB 09, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.5	16.9	7.2	16.1	12.2	60.9
	Change	-0.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.7	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.7	52.1	11.7	25.5	41.2	151.2
	Change	1.3	5.8	3.5	-1.4	-1.6	5%
Large	Curr Wk	37.1	111.5	66.4	117.4	121.4	453.8
	Change	-0.2	1.4	13.2	2.9	-6.8	2%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.5	37.0	17.7	20.8	33.8	127.8
	Change	3.4	2.7	6.8	-2.5	-1.1	8%
Small	Curr Wk	2.6	5.4	3.7	2.9	4.6	19.2
	Change	-0.5	-0.2	-1.4	-1.4	-0.7	-18%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.7	21.6	10.3	12.9	5.6	54.1
	Change	-1.0	4.8	1.5	1.7	-0.3	14%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.2	37.9	13.1	32.8	35.0	131.0
	Change	-3.1	-2.1	-11.5	3.9	-3.8	-11%
Total	Curr Wk	103.3	282.4	130.1	228.4	253.8	998.0
Percent	Change	0%	5%	11%	2%	-5%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	998.0	2%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	216.1	2%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,214.1	2%	204
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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193	190	181	116.2
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MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JANUARY 26, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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149	149	139	77
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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 06, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								16.50	FUTURE LOADS								10.25	TOTAL LOADS								26.75
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST											
GNR W 1	78.00	—	78.50	80.00	—	—	2.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	90.05	5.00									
GNR W 2	—	—	77.00	78.00	—	—	1.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	86.00	3.00									
GL W XL	—	—	90.00	92.00	79.40	—	10.00																			
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	76.00	77.00	6.25																			
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00																			
GL W SM	—	—	51.50	53.00	—	—	1.00																			
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	75.00	77.00	4.00																			
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	65.00	67.00	.50																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/02/04-02/06/04

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
62.75								54.25								117.00							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST			LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST			ORG	DST			LOADS	
GNR W 1	81.20	96.00		78.50	82.67		—	—				10.00	GNR W 1	—	91.00		—	—		—	101.63	3.00	
GNR W 2	—	—		77.00	78.00		—	—				1.00	GNR BR 1	—	93.00		—	—		—	—	1.00	
GNR W 4	—	—		—	76.50		—	—				2.00	GL W J	86.00	—		—	—		—	95.00	2.25	
GNR BR 1	—	99.00		—	—		—	—				2.75	GL W XL	80.74	84.67		—	—		—	89.61	17.00	
GL W J	—	—		107.50	108.50		84.00	—				3.00	GL W LG	80.33	84.00		—	—		—	89.18	10.25	
GL W XL	—	—		92.50	93.60		81.13	—				24.50	GL W MD	70.00	—		—	—		—	74.20	1.25	
GL W LG	—	—		—	—		76.67	77.00				12.00	NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—		—	—	2.00	
GL W MD	78.00	91.00		83.50	83.50		69.00	—				12.50											
GL W SM	—	—		50.17	51.67		—	53.00				5.50											
GL BR LG	—	—		—	—		—	112.00				.75											
NRBS - 48	—	79.00		—	—		75.00	79.89				45.00											
NRBS - 45	—	—		—	—		73.50	76.71				1.75											
NRBS - 42	—	—		—	—		64.25	66.00				1.00											

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/02/04	01/26/04	02/03/03
PACIFIC COAST	114	119	283
LOS ANGELES	39	39	223

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

UNAVAILABLE

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on all sizes. The supply is adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	117.63
LARGE	115.63
MEDIUM	99.63
SMALL	73.00

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 2/9/2004

Report Period: 1/25/2004 - 1/31/2004

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,972	1,972
Colorado	0	1,620	6,135	7,755
Indiana	0	0	900	900
Iowa	4,720	11,283	52,329	68,332
Maine	0	0	780	780
Michigan	0	810	1,390	2,200
Minnesota	4,770	1,620	8,595	14,985
Missouri	780	810	3,490	5,080
Nevada	0	480	0	480
North Carolina	0	880	0	880
Ohio	870	1,640	1,670	4,180
Oregon	2,084	979	0	3,063
South Dakota	650	0	1,620	2,270
Texas	0	780	2,542	3,322
Utah	505	0	8,102	8,607
TOTAL	14,379	20,902	89,525	124,806
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	14,379	20,902	89,525	124,806